

Data Facts

Description Maryland Heat Stress Emergency Department (ED) Visits

Owner Maryland Health Care Commission

Original Home Maryland Health Care Commission

Years available 2000-2013

Method of Measurement: Statewide hospital reporting

What's Reported

ED visits for heat stress

Number of heat stress ED visits

Rate of heat stress ED visits (number per 100 persons)

95% confidence interval for rate

Other Information

Location county

Time Frame calendar year

Level of geographic detail:

Total counties in state: 24 (including Baltimore City)

Counties included in data: 24

Why these data are important?

Heat stress is a serious and preventable health outcome that can lead to several illnesses and injuries. Emergency department data are used as a basis to quantify the occurrence of emergency department visits for heat stress. The use of these emergency department measures for heat stress will permit analyses of this health outcome and assessment of sub-county spatial-temporal trends in linked environmental hazard dataset with this inpatient hospitalization dataset.

Keywords: Heat illness; Heat stroke; Hyperthermia; Heat stress; Sun stroke; Heat collapse; Heat cramp; Heat exhaustion from water depletion; Heat exhaustion from salt depletion; Heat exhaustion unspecified; Other specified heat effects; Unspecified effects of heat and light; Health effect cause by excessive heat due to weather

Questions:

Are any of these data confidential? **No**

Can I download these data from the MTN? **Yes**

Are sub-county data available from the Original Home? **Yes**

How often does the MTN get these data? **Once each year**

Were the data checked for completeness and validity? **Yes**

Contacts:

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